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Mr. John T. Campbell, Head
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Dear John:

Thank you for your 27 April letter. I will plan to start with the Far East, arriving in London about 10 October, and suggest 14 October as a tentative date for our Coordination Committee Meeting. It is likely that [redacted] will accompany me on the trip.

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I am looking forward to learning of your plans for monitoring in East Africa. In West Africa, the point is fast approaching where FBIS must make a decision. We have had discussions about Nigeria with the Department of State, and with the American Consul General at Lagos when he was recently in Washington. At the same time, there is some indication that the Ghana Government may recently have become more receptive to our proposals.

We are planning to send [redacted] of our Operations Staff on an exploratory trip to Nigeria and Ghana in the fairly near future, to gather all the information which will be needed for a definite decision as to location of a station. Unless there is some reason why you feel that we should at this stage go through the Foreign Office, we will lay on arrangements for this trip through our own State Department and Consulate General.

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Sincerely,

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Dear Roger,

Many thanks for your letter of 15th April telling me of your proposed visit to this side. If present plans hold I expect to be on leave during the first two weeks in September, and therefore if it would suit you equally well, I think your suggestion of reaching London approximately mid-October would seem to be most suitable at this end.

I agree that we should hold our Joint Coordination Committee Meeting when you are in London, and when you are able to let me know a little more closely the dates on which you expect to be here, I will confirm with Clark, who presumably will wish to take the meeting, that this will be suitable for him.

I note and agree with your suggestions for subjects to be considered, and I hope to let you know shortly of progress we are making in the direction of doing some monitoring in East Africa, but plans are still very fluid and I am waiting a final decision from Her Majesty's Government as to the scope of and requirements from such an operation.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


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